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Purdue University Professor Settles Defamation Lawsuit

INDIANAPOLIS - Tatjana Jevremovic, a professor in Purdue University's School of Nuclear Engineering, has agreed to settle a lawsuit by Rusi Taleyarkhan, another professor at the school. The terms of the settlement are confidential.

Taleyarkhan filed the defamation lawsuit against Jevremovic and Lefteri Tsoukalas, at the time the head of the school, on March 7, 2008, over false statements that *Nature* magazine attributed to the pair. The portion of the lawsuit against Tsoukalas is pending in Tippecanoe (Indiana) Superior Court.

"I am pleased to see this case moving forward with a partial but very positive resolution," Taleyarkhan said. "However, much work remains to clear up the damage caused by these individuals, not only to me personally but also to science."

Jevremovic offered to settle the suit, which accuses her of lying to the media and people in the school about Taleyarkhan.

Taleyarkhan and five of his colleagues had discovered a phenomenon called bubble fusion, which could lead to a new source of clean nuclear energy. Taleyarkhan's five colleagues include Richard T. Lahey, a former dean and head of the School of Nuclear Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a pioneer in the nuclear power industry, and Robert I. Nigmatulin, a well-known scientist with the Russian Academy of Sciences.

John H. Lewis, an attorney with Lewis and Wilkins in Indianapolis, is representing Taleyarkhan in the case.

"The conclusions of Purdue against Taleyarkhan are a house of cards that are beginning to fall apart," Lewis said.

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